

Table 4-10
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

	February 2014	March 2014	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,881.1	3,885.6	...	4.5	10.8	45.1	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	2,463.9	2,466.8	10.5	2.9	-5.2	-10.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.4
Employment	2,306.4	2,324.7	10.4	18.3	15.0	23.2	0.8	0.6	1.0
Employment full-time	1,802.7	1,813.0	14.6	10.3	14.4	10.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
Unemployment	157.5	142.1	8.6	-15.4	-20.2	-33.5	-9.8	-12.4	-19.1
Participation rate	63.5	63.5	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	5.8	0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	59.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	22.0	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	585.4	585.6	...	0.2	-0.3	-2.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	361.1	363.8	6.0	2.7	3.7	-5.2	0.7	1.0	-1.4
Employment	314.8	323.3	5.5	8.5	13.6	7.3	2.7	4.4	2.3
Unemployment	46.3	40.5	5.1	-5.8	-10.0	-12.5	-12.5	-19.8	-23.6
Participation rate	61.7	62.1	1.0	0.4	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	11.1	1.3	-1.7	-2.9	-3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	55.2	0.9	1.4	2.3	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.3	46.2	2.1	-2.0	-2.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,608.3	1,610.4	...	2.1	5.4	23.2	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	1,110.0	1,111.6	5.5	1.6	3.5	6.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
Employment	1,052.8	1,054.5	5.7	1.7	1.8	13.3	0.2	0.2	1.3
Unemployment	57.2	57.1	5.0	-0.1	1.7	-7.1	-0.2	3.1	-11.1
Participation rate	69.0	69.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.1	0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.3	10.0	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,687.4	1,689.6	...	2.2	5.8	24.0	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	992.8	991.4	6.4	-1.4	-12.4	-11.4	-0.1	-1.2	-1.1
Employment	938.8	946.9	6.1	8.1	-0.5	2.5	0.9	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment	54.1	44.5	4.9	-9.6	-11.9	-13.9	-17.7	-21.1	-23.8
Participation rate	58.8	58.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.5	0.5	-0.9	-1.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.0	0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.0	27.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,306.4	2,324.7	10.4	18.3	15.0	23.2	0.8	0.6	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	456.1	450.3	9.3	-5.8	-2.3	8.2	-1.3	-0.5	1.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	27.8	21.4	2.7	-6.4	-4.0	-6.8	-23.0	-15.7	-24.1
Utilities	51.7	58.2	3.2	6.5	7.4	10.3	12.6	14.6	21.5
Construction	14.4	14.4	1.7	0.0	1.4	2.1	0.0	10.8	17.1
Manufacturing	187.1	184.7	6.8	-2.4	-7.4	-5.9	-1.3	-3.9	-3.1
	175.1	171.6	5.8	-3.5	0.4	8.4	-2.0	0.2	5.1
Services-producing sector									
	1,850.3	1,874.4	12.2	24.1	17.3	15.0	1.3	0.9	0.8
Trade	347.7	353.1	8.9	5.4	-0.8	-25.0	1.6	-0.2	-6.6
Transportation and warehousing	136.4	136.8	4.9	0.4	12.4	17.7	0.3	10.0	14.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	146.8	150.6	6.1	3.8	-0.7	11.0	2.6	-0.5	7.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	179.3	186.7	6.7	7.4	6.0	2.5	4.1	3.3	1.4
Business, building and other support services	87.9	90.9	4.7	3.0	-5.4	-4.7	3.4	-5.6	-4.9
Educational services	178.9	176.4	6.0	-2.5	2.8	0.0	-1.4	1.6	0.0
Health care and social assistance	270.6	276.7	6.9	6.1	3.5	24.7	2.3	1.3	9.8
Information, culture and recreation	118.0	111.1	5.4	-6.9	-10.5	-6.7	-5.8	-8.6	-5.7
Accommodation and food services	184.5	189.0	6.6	4.5	13.0	13.8	2.4	7.4	7.9
Other services	91.9	94.5	4.8	2.6	-3.0	-9.5	2.8	-3.1	-9.1
Public administration	108.3	108.6	4.4	0.3	0.0	-8.8	0.3	0.0	-7.5

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.